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an optical fiber provided at a location to which the laser beam transmitted by said polarizer is optimally coupled, wherein

said polarizer is angled so that a direction of polarization permitted to pass through said polarizer is rotated about an optical path of the laser beam passing through the polarizer relative to a direction of polarization of the laser beam transmitted by said lens.

4. (Amended) A laser diode module comprising:

a laser diode;

a lens provided on an optical path of a laser beam emitted by said laser diode;

an optical isolator provided on an optical path of the laser beam transmitted by said lens and including a polarizer, a rotator and an analyzer; and

an optical fiber provided at a location to which the laser beam transmitted by said optical isolator is optimally coupled, wherein

said optical isolator is placed so that a direction of polarization permitted to pass through said polarizer of the optical isolator is rotated about an optical path of the laser beam passing through the polarizer relative to a direction of polarization of the laser beam from said laser diode.

--8. (New) A laser diode module comprising:

a laser diode;

a lens disposed adjacent to the laser diode which receives a laser beam emitted by said laser diode;

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a polarizer disposed adjacent to the lens which receives the laser beam transmitted by said lens; and

an optical fiber provided at a location to which the laser beam transmitted by said polarizer is optimally coupled, wherein

said polarizer is oriented such that a direction of polarization permitted to pass through said polarizer is rotated about an optical axis of the polarizer relative to a direction of polarization of the laser beam incident upon the polarizer.

- 9. (New) The laser diode module according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer is oriented perpendicular to an optical axis of the laser diode module.
- 10. (New) The laser diode module according to claim 4, wherein the polarizer is oriented perpendicular to an optical axis of the laser diode module.
- 11. (New) The laser diode module according to claim 8, wherein the polarizer is oriented perpendicular to an optical axis of the laser diode module.--

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